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A. L. A. COUNCIL

Conforming to Section sixteen of the Constitution a meeting of the Council of the American Library Association will be held at the Tonka Bay hotel, Lake Minnetonka, Minnesota, on Monday, June 22nd, 1908, at 3 o'clock p. m.

Agreeable to By-law three, members of the Council are hereby notified that nominations of officers for the ensuing year will be a regular order of business at this meeting and that at least one informal ballot will there be taken.

Arrangements have been made for the members of the Council with their wives, to dine together at the Tonka Bay hotel on Tuesday evening, June 23rd, at 6.30 o'clock. The Secretary wishes to be notified of the names of those who expect to be present.

Members of the Council desiring to avail themselves of the advance reservation of rooms at Minnetonka, made in accordance with the Council's action at Asheville (Asheville Proc. p. 298) should communicate at once with Miss Countryman, chairman of the rooming committee.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

The following actions were taken at a meeting of the Executive board of the American Library Association held at Atlantic City, N. J. March 14, 1908, at which were present Messrs Bostwick, Gould, Andrews, Hopkins and Wyer.

Appropriations. The Treasurer was directed to transfer $150 from the item "Headquarters $1150" in the budget voted at Pittsburg, Oct. 19, 1907, to a "Contingencies" account and from this sum was appropriated for the use of the Committee on Library administration an amount not to exceed $25 for the year 1908.

The sum of $100 was voted to Nina E. Browne as compensation for services rendered to the Association at the Executive offices between Jan. 1 and July 1, 1908.

Extra numbers of Bulletin. It was ordered that a charge of 25 cents be made for each additional copy of any number of the A. L. A. Bulletin, except the Conference number, furnished to members of the Association only, after the mailing of the one copy to which each member is regularly entitled, and that the Conference number shall continue to be sold at $2 plus postage to non-members and at $1 plus postage to members.

The Secretary was authorized to issue a separate edition for free distribution of that part of the Handbook for 1908 which precedes the list of members.

Second Vice-president. The resignation of Helen E. Haines as second Vice-president of the Association was presented and accepted. The Secretary was instructed to convey to Miss Haines the sincere regret of the Executive board for the necessity which has compelled this action and the earnest hope of its members for her speedy recovery of health and ultimate return to library work.

Gratia Countryman, Librarian of the Minneapolis public library, was named as the unanimous choice of the Board to fill the unexpired term as second Vice-president.

J. I. WYER, JR.,
Secretary.

COMMITTEES

A. L. A. Constitution

Notes of the substance of certain amendments which the Committee on Revision agreed upon at Atlantic City, and will recommend at Minnetonka. [Minor changes and particulars omitted.]

1 **The Executive board and Council.**

(a) **The Executive board** to consist of the President and 2 Vice-presidents, and 6 other members elected by the Association (2 each year for a 3 year term).

(b) **The Council** to consist (1) of the members of the Executive board ex-officio; (2) all ex-Presidents of the Association who continue as members therein; (3) and 50 elective members, divided into groups of 10, with terms of 5 years each. Not exceeding 5 in each group to be chosen by the Association, and 5 by the Council itself.

2 The business affairs of the Association to be entrusted to the Executive board, except as they may be "specifically assigned to other bodies." [Matters so assigned to be reduced to a minimum] This, with the particular object of avoiding existing confusion of jurisdiction between the Executive board and Council. Among other affairs specifically assigned to the Executive board is the appointment of non-elective assistant officers (including the Secretary) and all standing committees, and the determination of the salaries of all paid officers.

3 **Council, duties of.** The definitions in Section 17 to be reduced by the cancellation of the first 9 lines. Its general function of discussion and deliberation to be phrased as follows:

"It may consider and discuss library questions which involve the policy of the Association as such; and (except upon a three-fourths vote [? 2-3ds] deciding for immediate action) no such questions shall be voted upon by the Association without a previous reference to the Council for consideration and recommendation."

The Council still to determine the place of annual meeting, but the Executive board the time.

"Sections" of the Association to be established by its own direct vote, after a favorable report thereon by the Executive board.

4 The Committee do not favor the consolidation of the functions of Secretary and Treasurer in one official.

5 **Publishing board.** One of the Executive board to be designated as its Chairman.

6 **Amendments.** Strike out from Section 26 the words "in their final form."

7 **By-laws** to be adopted by vote of the Association; but must either originate in, or be referred to and reported back from, the Executive board. Strike out "or council" in Section 27.

2 **By-laws, amendments to.** (1) The voting rights of new members to be limited during their first year of membership; (2) the fiscal year of the Association to be the calendar year, and the Treasurer's term to correspond with this; (3) the official ticket at each Association election to be nominated by a committee designated by the Executive board, but no member of the board to be included in such committee; (4) add provision for nomination papers, and the position and residence of each nominee to be given on the ballot; (5) a consecutive number to be assigned to each member in the order of accession to membership and payment of dues,—a delinquent member rejoining to receive the original number.

A. L. A. Committee changes. Frank P. Hill has been substituted for W. H. Brett on the Committee on Constitutional revision.

Margaret Mann has taken the place of Faith E. Smith as secretary of the Catalog section.